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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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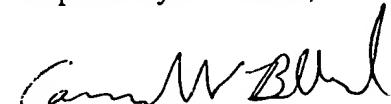
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in response to the Office Action of October 24, 2002 in the present application. Due to a typographical error, US Patent No. 5,279,502 was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of April 5, 1999, rather than US 4,279,502, which was intended to be filed at that time. Thus, US 4,279,502 is being filed herewith. Also, in accordance with the Examiner's request, Applicants submit herewith JP 55-46741, which is described in the present specification. JP 55-46741 corresponds to US 4,279,502.

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